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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

JOHN JOSEPH KAYLOCK, Room 318, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 116 5th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida, furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the FBI when contacted July 20, 1964, at this address:

KAYLOCK said that he was born January 15, 1901, at Hazleton, Pennsylvania; and until September 18, 1963, he had lived in a rented room at 306 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From 1954 until 1958, he was a part-time employee of the United States Post Office at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and at the 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was never a regular employee. KAYLOCK said that he was otherwise regularly employed as a news vendor on the corner of 16th and Market Streets, Philadelphia. In February, 1963, he suffered a heart attack and in September, 1963, he moved to St. Petersburg to the YMCA and has resided there since that time.

KAYLOCK assured the interviewing Agent that he was not a "crank" or a "crack pot" and he related the following incidents.

On October 2, 1963, KAYLOCK made a trip to Naples, Florida, to look over real estate, which was offered for sale by the Gulf American Land Corporation (Golden Gate Estates). He traveled in an automobile driven by a Mr. LANCASTER, a representative of the land corporation, and two women, whose names he does not recall but who were also interested in looking at real estate. The group made a rest stop at Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe, Punta Gorda, Florida, for coffee and doughnuts. KAYLOCK finished before the others and walked outside to wait for the group. Outside of Stuckey's, a man walked up to KAYLOCK and introduced himself as "LEE OSWALD from Dallas, Texas." KAYLOCK introduced himself by name and said that he was from Philadelphia. OSWALD opened the conversation by asking KAYLOCK what the people in Philadelphia thought about President KENNEDY. KAYLOCK replied that KENNEDY was not popular in Philadelphia because he was supporting Mayor TATE for re-election and he said that KENNEDY and TATE were the cause of the Negroes "running rampant" in Philadelphia.

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OSWALD said, "Well, don't worry, we'll get him this time." KAYLOCK asked what OSWALD meant by that and OSWALD made a motion with his thumb and forefinger of one hand indicating a length of about four inches. KAYLOCK took that to be a reference to the length of a rifle bullet. KAYLOCK indicated disbelief and OSWALD then used his shoe to mark on the pavement showing an intersection. He said that KENNEDY would be "coming this way and we'll be shooting down on him. We can't miss this time." KAYLOCK then mentioned to the man that he had been in Dallas once. When he said that, the man appeared startled, fear crept into his face, and he said that he had to meet his wife and he walked away. KAYLOCK did not see his wife and does not know where the man went.

KAYLOCK then walked back inside Stuckey's and asked one of the waitresses, "What about this guy Oswald outside?" The waitress told him not to pay any attention to OSWALD; that he is just a kid who likes to brag; that he does odd jobs around Punta Gorda, and she felt sorry for his wife and two children in Dallas, Texas. KAYLOCK did not mention his conversation with OSWALD to the other people in his party and he thought no more about the conversation until November 22, 1963, when he heard that President KENNEDY had been assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

KAYLOCK said that about January 18 or 20, 1964, he wrote a letter to Mr. ALBERT E. JENNER, of the Warren Commission, offering to furnish the information set out above. He received a letter of acknowledgement from Mr. JENNER but has not been contacted for information. He said that he did not tell Mr. JENNER exactly what information he had and he indicated that he wanted to talk only to Mr. JENNER personally.

KAYLOCK said that from his conversation with OSWALD, he is certain that OSWALD had "inside" information about the route President KENNEDY would follow in Dallas, Texas.

KAYLOCK continued that in about March, 1964, at about 10:00 o'clock at night, he was crossing First Avenue North, in St. Petersburg, at 5th Street. There is a traffic light at that intersection, and as he started to cross the street - with the light - a "sixth sense" told him that someone was going to try to run him down with an automobile and told him to walk out into the Avenue a little way and then jump back. He did that and

as he jumped back "an old Chevrolet" missed him by about three inches, running the red light. The driver swerved toward him but missed, and cursed him as he went by. KAYLOCK looked at the rear of the car as it was going away and could clearly see the silhouette of OSWALD's widow outlined in the right front seat of the automobile.

He further said that sometime during the trial of JACK RUBY in Dallas, KAYLOCK saw MELVIN BELLI, RUBY's attorney, at Central Avenue and Fifth Street in St. Petersburg. He said that he saw him on about four different occasions and each time BELLI was watching KAYLOCK. He said that BELLI looked dejected and KAYLOCK knew from his appearance that BELLI was "losing" in the trial.

KAYLOCK said further that about two weeks after the RUBY trial ended in Dallas, he saw Dallas Detectives J. R. LEAVELLE and THOMAS B. MC MILLON at Central Avenue and Fifth Street in St. Petersburg. The detectives were also watching KAYLOCK and it is KAYLOCK's belief that OSWALD's widow, BELLI, and the detectives had in some way learned that KAYLOCK had information pertaining to the assassination.

KAYLOCK said that the "LEE OSWALD" whom he met at Punta Gorda strongly resembled the late Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY, except that he was shorter and stockier than MC CARTHY and had blue eyes and chestnut brown hair. KAYLOCK said that he immediately recognized the television and news photographs of LEE OSWALD as being the same man that he talked to in Punta Gorda.

Mr. KAYLOCK exhibited an old issue of "Life" magazine from which the cover had been removed, which issue carried an article entitled, "Violence, Froth, Sob Stuff - Was Justice Done?" by SYBILLE BEDFORD. The article carried photographs of MELVIN BELLI and the detectives mentioned by KAYLOCK above. Mr. KAYLOCK said that he had kept the magazine to "brush up" on whom he had seen in St. Petersburg.